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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 16241

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLOS  
SUBJECT: LOS: EGYPTIAN PARTICIPATION IN LOS MEETING IN  
NEW YORK 8/21

REF: USUN NEW YORK 2706 (NOTAL)

1. DIRECTOR MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT, NABIL EL ARABY TOLD  
POLCOUNS JULY 1 THAT EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO SUBJECT  
MEETING WOULD MOST LIKELY BE HEADED BY UN PERMREP ABDUL  
MEGUID. DR. HAMED SULTAN DOES NOT WISH TO GO, MAINLY BE-  
CAUSE OF HIS OWN AND HIS WIFE'S HEALTH. FURTHERMORE,  
SULTAN IS ALMOST 70 AND FOUND LAST MEETING EXTREMELY  
STRENUOUS. EL ARABY SAID HE TOO DID NOT EXPECT TO ATTEND  
BECAUSE BETWEEN NOW AND THEN HE IS SCHEDULED TO SPEND  
WEEK IN VIENNA, WEEK IN NEW DELHI AND ATTEND NAC IN BEL-  
GRADE.

2. KEY GOE DELEGATE TO COMMITTEE TWO, DR. SHEHAB HAS JUST  
DEPARTED FOR LUCRATIVE POSITION WITH KUWAITI GOVERNMENT  
AND ALSO WILL BE UNAVAILABLE. TWO OTHER USUAL MEMBERS OF  
DELEGATION, COUNSELORS MOHAMMED BARADEI AND HUSSEIN  
HASSOUNA WILL BE TRANSFERRED THIS SUMMER AND PROBABLY NOT  
AVAILABLE.

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3. EL ARABY CLEARLY DISTURBED BY LACK OF QUALIFIED PER-  
SONNEL, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE HE AGREES WITH AMBASSADOR  
RICHARDSON THAT GENEVA MEETING MADE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS  
THAT THERE NOW IS SOME HOPE FOR EVENTUAL CONCLUSION OF  
TREATY. ONE POSSIBILITY DISCUSSED WITH POLCOUNS WAS TO  
GET MFA MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI INTERESTED IN LOS AFFAIRS.

GHALI HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY PARTICIPATED IN LOS MEETINGS,  
BUT HE IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ON SUBJECT (E.G. HE ORGANIZED LOS  
SEMINAR IN PREVIOUS CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR AHRAM STRATEGIC  
STUDIES CENTER) AND HIS BACKGROUND IS INTERNATIONAL LAW.  
EL ARABY WILL PURSUE THIS POSSIBILITY WITH GHALI.  
AMBASSADOR, TOO, INTENDS TO GIVE GHALI COPY OF RICHARDSON  
LETTER TO SULTAN AT EARLY OPPORTUNITY. ELITS

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